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SUBJ: KHMER AT 29TH GA: CHHUT CHHOEUR-BENNETT MEETING

JULY 29

1. AMB BENNETT MET FOR AN HOUR WITH GKR AMB CHHUT CHHOEUR JULY 29, AMB SCHAUFLE (TO WHOM AMB DEAN'S LETTER DELIVERED) AND MISOFF ALSO SAT IN. OUR DISCUSSION GOT OFF TO QUICK, SUBSTANTIVE START AND SHOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED THE ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR AN EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE OF COURSE ASSURED CHHUT CHHOEUR THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT HIM IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

2. WE WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY CHHUT CHHOEUR'S APPARENT ENERGY AND WHAT SEEMED TO US QUITE SOPHISTICATED PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT HIS TASK HERE WILL REQUIRE. HE SHOWED NO FALSE OPTIMISM. HE HAS LANDED RUNNING, HAVING ALREADY SEEN NOT ONLY THE SYG BUT ALSO PERMREPS OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, IRELAND, JAPAN, PARAGUAY, UK AND URUGUAY, IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND OURSELVES. FROM HIS DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE MEETINGS, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE WILL BE NOT ONLY AN ACTIVE
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LOBBYIST BUT AN EFFECTIVE ONE. WE AGREED TO SUPPLY CERTAIN

INFO TO HELP HIM FOLLOW UP ON IDEAS STIMULATED BY HIS
CONTACTS HERE AND EARLIER IN CANBERRA AND PHNOM PENH.

3. WHILE CHHUT CHHOEUR APPARENTLY SEES THE JULY 9 PROPOSAL
AS A PRINCIPAL WEAPON IN HIS LOBBYING EFFORTS, HE HAS NOT
JUMPED TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ON TACTICS. HE SEEMS TO BE
CONCENTRATING ON GETTING AROUND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TAILORING HIS
PITCH TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF EACH DELEGATION AND GETTING
A FEEL FOR ATTITUDES HERE. HE RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF
ASEAN SUPPORT AND TO THIS END MAY BE GOING TO WASHINGTON
TO PAY PERSONAL CALL ON THAILAND'S CONCURRENTLY-ACCREDITED
AMBASSADOR ANAND PANYARACHUN.

4. HE APPARENTLY HAS MADE NO DECISION ABOUT ORGANIZING
HIS OWN MISSION. DURING SEPARATE HOUR'S PRIVATE TALK WITH
MISOFF FOLLOWING MEETING WITH BENNETT, HE INDICATED HE
FOR PRESENT WOULD BE RELYING HEAVILY ON MADAME PENG AND
COUNSELLOR HAV BANHEANG, BOTH OF WHOM WENT THROUGH 28TH GA.
HE SHOWED ALERTNESS TO IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE LIAISON
AMONG FRIENDLY MISSIONS, PARTICULARLY USUN, JAPANESE AND
ASEANS. DURING THIS FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSION, HE WAS RECEPTIVE
TO IDEAS WE PUT FORWARD TO INSURE THAT MACPNERY IS ESTABLISHED
TO GET RESULTS OF HIS LOBBYING TO US (AND OTHER ALLIES)
TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FULL RECORD UPON WHICH TO DRAW FOR
FUTURE PLANNING INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY LOBBYING IN
CAPITALS. WE ALSO HAD RATHER FRANK EXCHANGE WITH HIM
REGARDING DIFFERENT ROLES ON KHMER ISSUE PLAYED BY US,
JAPAN AND ASEAN MISSIONS.
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